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SUMMARY: AMSPEC JONATHAN MOORE, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, COMPLETED A MOST SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY VISIT TO BUCHAREST (APRIL 6) DURING WHICH HE IMPARTED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS IN GENERAL AND THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL RACE IN PARTICULAR. THE EMBASSY'S ONLY REGRET IS THAT MOORE'S PROGRAM HAD TO BE CRAMMED LARGELY INTO LITTLE MORE THAN A DAY, ON MONDAY, OWING TO FACT OTHER TWO DAYS WERE ON SACROSANT ROMANIAN WEEKEND. END SUMMARY.

1. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL, PROF. MOORE CALLED UPON MIHNEA GHEORGHIU (AT LATTER'S REQUEST), PRESIDENT OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES. GHEORGHIU WHO WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR THE U.S. ON AN IVP GRANT, WANTED TO RECEIVE MOORE PERSONALLY SINCE HE WOULD NOT BE PRESENT AT THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE TO TAKE PLACE AT THE ACADEMY AFTER HIS DEPARTURE. THIS MEETING WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH HOSTED BY DCM R. N. VIETS AND ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR WHICH INCLUDED SUCH HIGH-RANKING GUESTS AS PRESIDENT COUNSELOR MIRCEA MALITA, WHO ALSO WAS ABOUT TO DEPART FOR THE U.S. ON AN IVP GRANT, RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND HISTORIAN STEFAN STEFANESCU, ROMANIA'S MOST EMINENT HISTORIAN C.C. GIURESCU, AND TWO RANKING PARTY HISTORIAN GEORGHE ZAHARIA AND NICOLAE

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2. ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, THE ONLY ROMANIAN DAY OF BUSINESS HE WAS AVAILABLE TO US, MOORE BEGAN WITH A MEETING WITH MIRCEA MITRAN, COUNSELOR AT DIRECTORATE III AND FORMER COUNSELOR OF THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MITRAN, AN ASTUTE AND WELL-INFORMED OBSERVER OF THE AMERICAN SCENE, HAD REQUESTED THE MEETING AT THE SUGGESTION OF ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S

CORNELIU BOGDAN. MOORE'S EXCELLENT PRESENTATION SET THE TONE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY WHICH INCLUDED MEETINGS AT THE PARTY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND MAGAZIN ISTORIC (THE PARTY'S HISTORY JOURNAL), THE INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL SCIENCES, THE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (ADIRI) AND THE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES. IN ALL CASES THERE WAS ACTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PROCESS IN SPECIFIC AND THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS IN GENERAL. CLEARLY THE MOST LIVELY MEETING WAS AT THE PARTY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY, WHERE DIRECTOR POPESCU-PUTURI LAUNCHED INTO A LONG ATTACK ON WHAT HE TOOK TO BE THE "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE," REFUSING TO BE MOLLIFIED EVEN BY COPIES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AND PRESIDENT FORD'S REFUTATION OF THE ALLEGED STATEMENT AND EXPLANATION BY MOORE AND THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR. HIS ESSENTIAL REACTION WAS THAT "EVEN IF SONNENFELDT HAD NOT SAID WHAT WAS REPORTED BY EVANS AND NOVAK, THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS REMARKS MIGHT HAVE EVEN BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD TO IMPLY U.S. RECOGNITION OF SOVIET HEGEMONY IN EASTERN EUROPE WAS DANGEROUS AND MUST BE GUARDED AGAINST VIGILANTLY". MOORE DID YEOMAN SERVICE IN ANSWERING SIMILAR QUESTIONS AND DOUBTS AT HIS OTHER MEETINGS. MR. MOORE WAS INTERVIEWED BY MAGAZIN ISTORIC AND ROMANIAN RADIO.

3. HIS LECTURE AT THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ON "THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS 1976 - THE CANDIDATES - THE ISSUES" ATTRACTED AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH QUALITY AUDIENCE INCLUDING THE CHIEF ROMANIAN NEGOTIATOR AT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE WORKING GROUP TALKS STEFAN VOICU, LEADING HISTORIANS, POLITICAL SCIENTISTS, JOURNALISTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AS GOOD AS THE LECTURE WAS, THE PERCEPTIVE QUESTIONS WHICH FOLLOWED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STIMULATED AN EVEN BETTER DIALOGUE WITH THE AUDIENCE - AND ALL THIS AFTER THE VERY LONG AND TIRING CALLS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE EVENING ENDED WITH DINNER HOSTED BY THE PAO AT WHICH ANOTHER STRONG MIX OF GOR CONTACTS ATTENDED.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S ARRANGING THIS VISIT. JONATHAN MORE IS EXCEEDINGLY COMPETENT AND PERSONABLE. MOORE HAS A RARE TALENT OF CREDIBILITY, CONCISENESS,

DIRECTNESS, AND SENSITIVITY TO WHAT HIS AUDIENCE IS
CURIOS ABOUT. HE THEREFORE HAD MORE IMPACT AND
INTEREST THAN MOST OTHER ANALOGOUS AMSPECS. HIS TOPICS
COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE TIMELY. HIS UNFLAGGING PERFORMANCE
THROUGHOUT AN UNREASONABLY LONG AND DEMANDING DAY,
NECESSITATED BY HIS AVAILABILITY ESSENTIALLY ONLY ONE WORKING
DAY, IS TO BE COMPLIMENTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM TO
OTHER POSTS.

5. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH EMBASSY MOSCOW 5296 SUGGESTION
THAT MOORE RETURN IN EARLY 1977 TO EXPLAIN RESULTS AND
SIGNIFICANCE OF ELECTIONS.

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